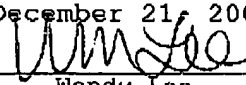


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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 12, 2005, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for a one month extension of time and the fee therefor accompany this amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.